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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE PRESS SEES NEW PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN
SADAT GAMBLE

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1. DAKAR'S SEMI-OFFICIAL LE SOLEIL CARRIED FRONT-PAGE
EDITORIAL NOV. 17 TITLED SADAT'S GAMBLE ("PARI"). ITEM
SPEAKS OF SADAT'S "INTELLIGENCE, REALISM AND SINCERITY,"
AND HIS "GIGANTIC GAMBLE TO CHANGE THE HISTORY OF HIS
REGION." LE SOLEIL CALLS IT "UNDERSTANDABLE" THAT THE
WORLD "IS HESITATING TO REACT OR IS REACTING TIMIDLY, AS IF
IT HAS STILL NOT RECOVERED FROM ITS STUPEFACTION."
HOWEVER, EDITORIALIST SEES NEW HOPE FOR PEACE IN SADAT
INITIATIVE. LE SOLEIL STATES THAT "THANKS TO HIS
POLITICAL COURAGE AND GOOD WILL, ANWAR SADAT THUS CREATES
REAL PERSPECTIVES OF PEACE IN THIS REGION WHERE BLOOD
HAS NOT STOPPED FLOWING FOR NEARLY THIRTY YEARS. IT REMAINS
NOW TO KNOW IF MENAHEM BEGIN WILL BE UP TO THE LEVEL OF
HIS INTERLOCUTOR AND IF ISREAL REALLY WANTS PEACE." EDITORIAL
CONCLUDES: "NOW THE DIE IS CAST. ANYTHING WILL BE
POSSIBLE AFTER THE BEGIN-SADAT DIALOGUE. PEACE AS WELL
AS WAR."

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2. ITEM IN NOV. 18 EDITION TAKES SIMILAR LINE THAT
"THE BALL IS NOW IN THE ISRAELI COURT." COMMENTARY
OBSERVES THAT "SADAT'S SINCERITY IS MEASURED BY THE
POLITICAL RISKS HE HAS TAKEN." NEWSPAPER SUGGESTS
THAT "SADAT IS DEEPLY AWARE THAT HE IS NOT BETRAYING
IN ANY WAY THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THE ARAB NATION,"
AND NOTES THAT "THE WEIGHT OF HIS COUNTRY IN THAT REGION

AND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT PERMIT
HIM" TO TAKE THIS INITIATIVE.
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